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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/202,455
U.S. Filing Date: December 15, 1998
Based on International Application No. PCT/JP98/01728
International Filing Date: April 15, 1998
Title: **Novel Protein and Process for Producing the Same**
Applicants: Kyoji YAMAGUCHI *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16991.011

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (three months);
2. an Appointment of Associate Attorneys; and
3. a return postcard.

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Applicants request that the following fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16991.011:

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In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to

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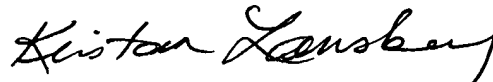
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Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16991.011. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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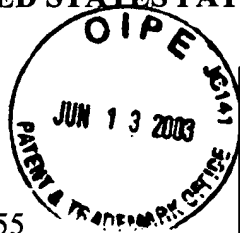
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